

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1056

By Halford

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Sheril Elliott of Milan.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Sheril Elliott; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Elliott was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Sheril Elliot was a lifelong resident of Milan; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, she married her childhood sweetheart, Oteen Elliott, and together, they opened an electronics shop on First Street in 1965; and

WHEREAS, approximately one year later, the Elliotts relocated their growing business to Main Street, where they repaired television sets and sold guitars and records; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Mrs. Elliot dabbled in tee shirt sales and became a Western Union franchise; and

WHEREAS, nearly thirty years ago, Mrs. Elliott added a new line to her store in the way of nutritional supplements and supplies; and

WHEREAS, Elliott's Music and Sheril's Herbs is one of the few remaining mom-and-pop stores in town and, today, Sheril's Herbs draws a large part of the traffic that flows through the historic store; and

WHEREAS, Sheril Elliott was active in her community, serving estimably as a member of the Milan Downtown Association; and

WHEREAS, she became involved in politics when her grandson, Chris Crider, ran for State Representative and defeated longtime incumbent Paul Phelan. Mrs. Elliott served with acumen and alacrity as Mr. Crider's treasurer through his three terms as a State Representative and through two of his terms as the Mayor of Milan; and

WHEREAS, her numerous accomplishments aside, Sheril Elliott was also deeply devoted to her family and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she is survived by her husband, Oteen Elliott; three children and their spouses, Teresa and Cary Henson, Andy Elliott, and Marty and Scarlet Elliott; eight grandchildren, Chris Crider, Clay Elliott, Demi Elliott, Bob Alan Elliott, Tyler Jackson, Dustin Hickerson, Jimmy Henson, and Carrie Beth Henson; two great-grandchildren, Jack Crider and Mary Margaret Crider; and one sister, Dorothy Sue Moffitt; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Elliott was preceded in death by her parents, Dewey and Carrie Lessenberry, one sister, Mary Frances Scallate, one brother, James Tommy Morgan, and one grandchild, Christy Elliott; and

WHEREAS, Sheril Elliott leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional matriarch, public servant, and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Sheril Elliott, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Elliott.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.